

I. Goal V Initiative 2

A. Initiative Title

Establish Project to insure competitive access [to] by multiple service providers [at] public facilities.

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C. Summary

While fiber optic and wireless infrastructures are being created by private sector providers, state and local public entities should take advantage of opportunities to have such systems brought to public facilities for potential future utilization and maximization of competitive opportunities. Use of minimal space in public structures should be routinely allocated to fiber optic and wireless providers at minimal expense to stub-in at each public facility that may have potential use for such infrastructure. Use of public rights-of-way should be granted only for serious consideration, including the provision of connections to major public facilities. Implementation of these policies may be done administratively by the Division of Administration and the Department of Transportation and Development, but may also require legislation.

D. Description of the Initiative

It is the goal of this initiative to maximize the possibilities for state and local public entities to utilize fiber optic and wireless communications infrastructure in order to improve and expedite service delivery to citizens at minimal cost. During the installation of fiber optic cabling in urban street rights-of-way and along highway rights-of-way, installers often seek to stub-in to major public and private facilities along the route, often at their sole expense since incremental cost for such stub-ins is minimal during initial cable installation, but substantial thereafter.

By allowing multiple installers to stub-in to public facilities or to install wireless equipment, the public entity should have expanded options for service providers as the need for various fiber optic and wireless connections expands in the future. When seeking such services, the public entity should receive competitive offers from service providers entitled to use the infrastructure already in place in the building. If only one cable has reached the building, only that company's affiliates may compete. If five

cables have reached the building, many more may compete. The outcome should be greater competition and efficiency for the public entities occupying those facilities. Facility Planning and Control should evaluate space requirements for such stub-in stations and establish uniform standards for allocation of secured space to each installer, along with a uniform schedule of fixed fees (if any) to be paid by the installer for the use of the public space.

A uniform policy and formula for determining the value of the use of public rights-of-way for installation of fiber optic cabling should be established. Likewise, uniform requirements and charges for the use of public lands and buildings for the installation of wireless transmitter equipment should be established. Current State laws on the lease of public lands are probably applicable, but are being widely ignored. Legislation providing for a public negotiation process for such private use of public property should be adopted.

E. Participating Partners and Stakeholders

Participating Partners:

Arnold Chauviere, Public Service Commission
Derald Kirkland, Office of Telecommunications Management
Billy Wilson, Office of State Buildings and Grounds

Stakeholders – All state agencies

Vendors of telecommunications services

F. Benchmarking Partners and/or Best Practice References

G. Assessment of Risk

II. Project Information

A. Project Description

B. Technical/Conceptual Approach

C. Implementation Approach

Task 1. Research and Draft Legislation –

Task 2. Coordinate with CIO/Governance Management Group

Task 3. Finalize Package

D. Project Cost Estimate